

# **Dixie High School Community Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**September 9, 2014**

Members Present: Steve Quinn, Jennifer Hall, Jason Brooks, Paul Ogilvie, Sherri Feller, Cary MacArthur, Esther Pugmire, Sharla Campbell. Excused: James Bown, Shauna Challis.

### Items Discussed:

Mr. Brooks welcomed new Council Members Sherri Feller (parent member) and Esther Pugmire (counselor) to the Council, and distributed contact information for all members. The composition of the Council was discussed. It was the consensus of the group that the Hispanic population at Dixie High would benefit from parent representation on this Council, and members were asked for suggestions of names of parents that could be considered for this role. Cary MacArthur mentioned that Mary Cruz would be a good choice. Mr. Brooks was assigned to contact Mrs. Cruz and invite her to attend.

Nominations were accepted for the office of Chairperson for this year's Council. Paul Ogilvie was nominated, seconded, and voted unanimously as Chair.

The Council members viewed a training video prepared by the State Office of Education containing information about the role of Community Councils and the purpose of trust land funds.

Jason Brooks distributed a copy of this year's plan for trust land expenditures for the Council to review. We anticipate that any additional funds will be earmarked for technology this year. We have a significant need for additional Chrome Carts in the school, which will provide greater availability for our end-to-level testing, and also allow higher levels of student access to technology in the classroom.

Sharla Campbell informed the Council about the accreditation process Dixie High will undergo this year. Council members were asked to serve as a focus group to provide feedback to the school regarding the school's Mission and Direction. Council members reviewed the standing Mission Statement for Dixie High, which is: "Our Mission at Dixie High is to develop capable, caring, contributing graduates who exemplify the school's historic motto: Pace Deo a Posse ad Esse-- From Possibility to Reality." Council members discussed the mission of Dixie High and concluded that this statement still seems relevant and accurate to them. Council members believe our mission is to help students be their best self.

Council members were also asked to provide feedback about the things that Dixie High does well, and the things they would like to improve. In response to this request, Council members gave the following feedback:

Positive things about Dixie High include Rebound Intervention, email communication from Principal, our encouragement of extra-curricular involvement for students, and the strong programs that

exist at our school in a variety of different content area. They saw our school as possessing a balance between great academics, great arts programs, and successful athletics.

Areas for improvement included an improved sound system at the Football field, and a revision of our calls to parents to eliminate receiving Power Announcement calls from several phones at once. Mr. Brooks will look into what adjustments can be made on Power Announce to eliminate this problem.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 4 p.m. at Dixie High School.